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WELCOME to the first edition of the new AGR Newsletter! Here you'll find resourceful links, helpful career information, and new changes that pertain to you, the AGR Soldier.

Retirements

LTC Frank Millerd
MAJ Julie Stonerod
SFC Aguilino Garcia
SFC David Worden

New Hires

SSG Bryan Acton-
R&R CMD
SSG Robert Williamson-
CO D 1-158th IN
SSG Sandra Ruiz-
R&R CMD
SSG Joseph Martin-
R&R CMD
SGT Tiffany Fisher-
AGR Pay
SGT Jared Johnson-
2220th TRANS
SGT Kathryn Gale-
158th S&S BN
SGT Brent Giuliani-
R&R CMD
SGT Lindsay Howard-
CO E 29th BSB
SGT Francisco Munro-
WAATS
SPC David Atkins-
WAATS

WHAT'S NEW?

The new U.S. Army PHA Implementation Plan replaces the old five-year physical and the AMC (annual medical certification) with the PHA (periodic health assessment), which will become a requirement due annually during the Soldier's birth month. However, flight physicals and fit for duty exams will remain the same. For more information regarding this new procedure contact the AZ Medical Command at 602-629-2764.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Q : If I update my DEERS information to show a change in dependency status does it change my dependency status automatically on my pay account/LES?

A : No, it does not. If you recently had a change in your dependency status: i.e. married, divorced, birth of child, court ordered child support, etc. you must submit your new supporting documents and a DA 5960 (authorization to start, stop, or change BAQ) through IPERMS. Since you are an AGR Soldier you are enrolled to a different pay system than a traditional Soldier is, therefore, once the changes have been made in SIDPERS they still will not update your pay account. The AC pay system and SIDPERS does not interface like the RC pay system does. Be sure to make copies of all of your documents and submit them to the AGR office so your pay account can be updated accordingly. It is highly important to make sure all dependency actions are made in a timely manner, as delaying could possibly result in a collection action.

Featured Links

Army Publishing Directorate-
<http://www.usapa.army.mil>

Supply Sergeant-
<http://www.militaryclothing.com>

TSP Calculator-
<http://tsp.gov/calc/index.html>

U.S. Army Human Resources Command-
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/indexflash.asp>

Per Diem, Travel & Transportation
 Allowance Committee-
<https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/>

FEATURED WEBSITE

<http://www.military.com>

While most of you may be aware of this website you may not know just how much information is packed in the site. Check out their featured links on the front page that showcase [ASVAP](#) preparation, military [pay charts](#), [discounts](#), and more. Join for free to obtain weekly emails concerning education, new Army benefits, incentives, and news updates. The website even allows for free [photo sharing](#) to your friends and family, up to 50MB of space. If the reading doesn't interest you point your mouse to the [Shock & Awe](#) section that features pictures and videos submitted by your fellow soldiers, they'll be sure to keep your attention!



ATTENTION:

You must recertify your Interviewer's Course every three years to be eligible to participate in the employee hiring process. To schedule for the Refresher's Course go to: <https://azguard/HRO/default.aspx>

"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes to battle."

-General Norman Schwarzkopf



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AGR Announcements:
<http://www.azguard.gov/hro/agr.htm>



Have a question about your AGR retirement? Need hints on filling out your AGR application? Find these answers, and many more, on the AGR Branch website: <https://azguard/HRO/AGR/default.aspx>

Did you know?

You can change your phone number yourself on the global address book. See the Information Management link for instructions at:

<https://azguard/DISC4/default.aspx>

Have a website, link, or question that you think should be featured in next month's AGR Newsletter? Send your suggestions to: tiffany.fisher@us.army.mil.